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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1826

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, KU, UR  
SUBJECT: REPORTED KUWAITI PURCHASE OF SOVIET FROG (LUNA)  
MISSILES

REF: KUWAIT 1403 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. NEWS REPORT OF APRIL 6 (KUWAIT TIMES)  
INDICATES THAT KUWAIT HAS SIGNED AN ARMS DEAL WITH THE  
SOVIET UNION FOR PURCHASE OF "LUNA ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES"  
IN ADDITION TO SA-7 MISSILES (THE PURCHASE OF THE LATTER  
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WAS EARLIER REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS). APRIL 6 REPORT  
ASSERTS THAT THE DEAL INCLUDES "SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES AND  
ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS" AND THAT "FINAL TOUCHES TO THE ACCORD  
WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A FORTHCOMING MEETING IN MOSCOW."  
END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: THE LUNA (FROG) PURCHASE

IS CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES; WE ASSUME THAT LUNA'S INCORRECT DESIGNATION AS AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPON WAS A JOURNALIST'S CAPRICE. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, HOWEVER, THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC MENTION OF THIS WEAPON'S INCLUSION IN THE ARMS PACKAGE WHICH THE KUWAITIS AND SOVIETS HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS. AT THIS POINT, WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE REPORTED WIND-UP MEETING IN MOSCOW. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, GIVE CREDENCE TO PRESS STORY'S ASSERTION THAT KUWAIT WILL BUY SOVIET ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS; WE EARLIER REPORTED THAT WE HAD IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT THIS WAS NOW OUT OF THE QUESTION (REFTEL) AND WE STAND BY THAT REPORT. END CONFIDENTIAL  
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